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Mr. Neil E. Thompson US EPA Region X 1200 Sixth Avenue - ECL-113 Seattle, WA 98101

> Re: January 2006 Monthly Report

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter serves as the monthly progress report for January 2006, in accordance with Section X, Paragraph 29 of the RD/RA Consent Decree for the Tronox Incorporated (Tronox) site, in Soda Springs, Idaho.

## January Activities

During the month of January, Tronox inspected the 10-acre pond. The landfill and cap are covered with several feet of snow and are inaccessible. The fenced enclosures surrounding the pond, cap and landfill facilities are in good condition, and the gates are closed and locked. The landfill sump will be measured when conditions allow access to the facility. The 10-acre pond has about 16 inches of water overlying about 9 inches of salt.

A report was prepared during January that summarizes drainage improvement activities completed in November 2005 in areas to the southwest and south of the calcine cap. This report is currently being reviewed.

## February/March Activities

NOLUNTARY PROTECTION IN THE 908 OSHA STAR WORKSITE

During the months of February and March, Tronox will continue monitoring of the cap. landfill and 10-acre pond. The as-built report summarizing drainage improvements near the cap will be forwarded to you following completion of our review. Tronox will monitor recently completed drainage improvements following snow melt.

Tronox is currently developing closure plans for the 10-acre pond and plans for the construction of two on-site landfill cells. These cells will be required to complete reclamation of the 10-acre pond facility and to contain pond liners from the 5-acre pond Tronox will present IDEQ with a project plan for pond closure and landfill

construction based on our previous presentations to and discussions with IDEQ once the review of these plans has been completed. The results from the October 2006 ground and surface water sampling will also be reviewed and validated during this time period. Once the data have been validated, these data will be appended to the RD/RA database and transmitted to you.

There are no community relation activities planned.

## Problems or Delays

No delays are expected.

If you have any questions about the work or additional information is required with regards to the work described above, please contact me at (208) 547-3331, extension 230.

Sincerely,

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